

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES  
JONESBORO HIGH SCHOOL  
RANKED AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY**

- WHEREAS:** The 2013 Best High School Rankings are provided by the U.S. News and World Report in conjunction with the American Institutes for Research (AIR); and
- WHEREAS:** AIR implemented the U.S. News's comprehensive rankings, which are based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound. It must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators; and
- WHEREAS:** To obtain a national ranking, a three-step process is utilized to determine the best high schools. The first two steps ensure that the school is serving the entire student body well, using performance on state proficiency tests as benchmarks. After successfully completing steps one and two, a third and final step assesses the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2013 rankings included 21,035 public high schools in 49 states and the District of Columbia. While 550 Georgia high schools were considered, only 88 were recognized as the best in the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Jonesboro High School received recognition as one of the three top high schools chosen in Clayton County. The mission of Jonesboro High School is to be accountable for providing globally competitive education that empowers students to achieve academic and personal goals and become productive, responsible citizens; and
- WHEREAS:** Jonesboro High School has an enrollment of 1,235 students, 77 full time teachers and is guided through the visionary leadership of Principal, Felicia Brown; and
- WHEREAS:** Jonesboro High School received a Bronze National Ranking for 2013 with proficiency scores of 91% in English and 83% in Math; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is honored to recognize Jonesboro High School for their excellent academic achievement and national ranking; now
- THEREFORE:** I, MICHAEL EDMONDSON, Vice-Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby recognize and congratulate Jonesboro High School for their 2013 ranking of one of the best high schools in the country. I encourage all citizens to join me in honoring Jonesboro High School for their commitment to outstanding academics and profound influence in the community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year two thousand thirteen.

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Michael Edmondson, Vice-Chairman